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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated November 1, 2005.

Enclosed is an executed Declaration. The requirement for payment of additional claim fees of \$180 is not understood. The application was filed in U.S. format with numbered paragraphs and with 20 claims. Claim 1 is an independent claim. Claims 2-20 are dependent claims. Each depends from only a single prior claim. Accordingly, applicant submits that the requirement for additional claim fees is erroneous and should be withdrawn.

Enclosed is a check for \$65.00 to cover the surcharge for a small entity, as well as a copy of the Notification document.

Early action on the merits is awaited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO. FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTY. DOCKET NO. DD-25017 10/542,557 Bodo W Lambertz INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE04/00023 2387 A. FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE To OLSON & HIERL, LTD. 01/14/2004 01/21/2003 20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE ocKet 36TH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL 60606 **CONFIRMATION NO. 7025 371 FORMALITIES LETTER** NOV 0 7 2005 O.S.N&HIRLID Date Mailed: 11/01/2005

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/18/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 07/18/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/18/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 07/18/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 07/18/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/18/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 07/18/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of \$180 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$245 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$ 180
 - \$180 for multiple dependent claim surchare.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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